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## **CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign applications filed in the following foreign countries on the dates indicated:

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| Japan   | 2002-228388     | August 6, 2002  |
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In support of this claim, a certified copy of each said original foreign application will be filed shortly.

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